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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Fair except showers in northwest portion.
Washington—Showers and cooler in west portion.

SITUATION CLEARED.

The failure of the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone Company to accept the franchise it sought, and was granted, by the Common Council of Astoria, clears the situation of the threat of a dual service and leaves the measure of amendment in this utility strictly up to the Pacific States Telephone Company; and luckily for all concerned, that company is doing its level best to meet the demands made upon it and all promises made in return; and if by the first of January the new and modern system shall be in operation here under its auspices, as is now certain, Astoria will be on a par with the best in this direction.

Without prejudice to either company, it is a proven aggregation to attempt to maintain two services of this character in one community; the employment of one makes the use of the other imperative on the score of business convenience and doubles the cost of the utility, beside hampering the despatch desired of it. As to the qualities of the respective services, that is a matter of personal preference.

The cool indifference of the Northwestern people in this premise, will without doubt act as a barrier to any new effort it shall ever make to get a footing in this city. Upon the face of it, it has acted in a negligible fashion from the very start, and has committed itself to a conviction in the popular mind here that it was simply stalling the people and cared very little, if anything, for the concession granted it; a policy it will be well to remember if it shall seek entrance here in the future. A public franchise of such value is worth better consideration than it has received at the hands of these people, who have not even taken the trouble to communicate with the authorities in regard to it and their purpose.

FROM WITHIN THE RANKS.

The National Model License League of America, one of the most powerful combinations of the liquor factors in the country, a massed and organic group of distillers, brewers and wholesalers, representing the rank and file of the industry all over the nation, is out with a strong and urgent letter to the retail trade, to the saloonman, insisting upon a radical change in the manner of conducting the business everywhere, in order that it may not be utterly obliterated by the prohibition and local option movements that are sweeping the land.

It is a straightforward bid for the rehabilitation of the business, for the severance of the saloon from the gambling-joint, the bawdy-house, the politics of the place and hour, the evil resort and relation of all kinds, and the assumption of decenter business conditions and standards; for the elimination of the dive everywhere, and utterly. The President of the League in dealing with the subject has left no loop-hole for double-dealing in the great premise; he declares the business must be cleansed, or ousted; that the sentiment against the grogery and dive has become too universal and too immense for further indifference on the part of the trade, and that the day of revolt is past for the saloonman; he must meet an imperative and impregnable public de-

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mand or go to the wall and carry the good and bad with him; that public tolerance is at its limit and only the general obedience to the law and the communal sentiment of decency from now onward, can save the business to those who would make it respectable and tolerable.

GRAND JURIES ESSENTIAL.

For our part we are glad to see the grand jury re-instated in its legal place in this State. We believe in it, because it is one element of local authority and consequence that is respected by the most obdurate and aggressive doer of evil. Of course it has never been out of reach as an organic institution, but the compulsory session is renewed and its mantle of suggested power is again regularly in sight and effect.

One good grand jury can do more to cleanse a community of its excrescences than any other factor in the legal regimen; what it does has the stamp and significance that is needed to compel a change for the better not alone in the sphere of evil, but in the minds of men grown in different to gross conditions. We are too prone to placate our civic debasement, here as in all other communities, so long as our personal skirts are clear of the muck and mire, we ignore our franchise to keep the community up to the decenter standards and pass the responsibility along to those less inclined to interfere than we are. It is a policy of the heedless citizen, which costs him heavily by indirection in the end, and which leaves him little to be proud of at any time, when the moral status of his city or town is under scrutiny, and discussion.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN.

Mr. Hearst said at Salem, Ill., some time ago that the name Democracy no longer had any distinct meaning, and he spoke the truth. For nearly half a century the Democratic party has been trying to forget its past and every four years it has made a new platform and tried to square most of the past. That party was opposed to National Banks and then to public improvements at the hand of the Federal government, insisting that the Constitution conferred no such power on Congress to provide for them by law. They then declared the war to be a failure. They took up the greenback and fiat money issue only to drop it after a few years' operation. They were in favor of free trade, then of free silver and then back to free trade again.

But to-day the two most conspicuous leaders of that party, Mr. Bryan and Mr. Hearst, have gone over to the Socialists and Populists for their political doctrines and both favor government ownership, not only of railroads, but all public utilities. The name Democrat has in truth lost its meaning. It represents simply agitation, if the voices of these two leaders speak for the party which names them as those who have a right to speak by authority.

If the majority of the people are looking for novelties in government they should vote the Democratic ticket. If they are looking for agitation and revolution they should vote for William J. Bryan. But if the people are looking for stability and peace with prosperity, they should vote for the party and the men who stand for stability against revolution, for peace and prosperity against agitation and adversity. The Republican party of to-day stands for the same policies that it did forty years ago, and Mr. Taft is just the same kind of Republican that Abraham Lincoln was.

At the Denver Convention, according to a Democratic paper, Gov. Haskell said to some Guffey men who interrupted him: "Go back to your Standard Oil tank," and when the Guffey men hissed Haskell continued: "You can hear that sound coming from the pipe line any time." Accord-

ing to Hearst, confidential relations exist between Haskell and the Standard Oil Company. The Haskell tangle is a tough one, and no mistake.

First voters are about to make a start, in business also. They will notice that a Bryan campaign and halted trade are synonymous.

Oklahoma has paused in its career as the schoolmaster of the nation to consider if it has made a bad mistake in choosing its head of the faculty.

Our fleet will be absent fourteen months on the Pacific cruise. When the Panama Canal is completed a voyage in that direction will be only a jaunt.

The president says that when he was governor of New York he went to Cincinnati to consult Taft in regard to some important state legislation, and was indebted to him at that time for valuable advice. It seems that the two men have been working together longer than has been supposed.

ANOTHER NEW CURE.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—Dr. Le Grand N. Denslow created a furor among medical men last night by announcing to a representative body of physicians at the New York Academy of Medicine that he had discovered an absolute cure for locomotor ataxia. Dr. Denslow read a paper describing the results of his ten years study of the disease and cited thirty cases in all of which a successful cure had been effected.

Dr. Denslow's claims were endorsed by Dr. John A. Wyeth and other prominent physicians. Dr. R. H. Cunningham, chief of clinic on nervous disease at the school of physicians and surgeons in Columbia University discussed Dr. Denslow's paper and said his success in the new treatment of the disease was remarkable and would probably revolutionize the present methods of treatment.

DESTRUCTION OF PICKLES.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—Lots of New York children may have to go without pickles this winter, owing to a fire that occurred last night at Hicksville, L. I. At 8 o'clock flames were discovered in the big pickle factory of Alert and Maguire and despite the frantic efforts of the villagers the entire plant, said to be one of the largest in the country, was destroyed.

Forty tons of sauerkraut was roasted to black cinders. Thirty tons of pickles, averaging 1,000,000 pickles to the ton or 30,000,000 pickles in all were destroyed. The savory smell of hot sauerkraut and pickles was diffused all over that part of Long Island. The fire lighted up the sky for miles around.

Half a dozen lawyers who were trying a case before the magistrate of Hicksville, rushed out of the court room and, aided by citizens, aided in pushing one whole carload of pickles out of the factory shed and to a place of safety. The loss was estimated at \$60,000, partly covered by insurance.

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Fifty Years a Blacksmith.

Samuel R. Worley of Hixburg, Va., has been shoeing horses for more than 50 years. He says: "Chamberlain's Pain Balm has given me great relief from lame back and rheumatism. It is the best liniment I ever used." For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

AEROPLANE CONTRACT.

PARIS, Oct. 2.—Laxare Weiller today reiterated that he had ordered the construction of 50 aeroplanes on the Wright model. He declined to discuss the exact purposes of the building of a fleet of aeroplanes, saying "that is my secret." From what Mr. Weiller said in an interview tonight it is evident he believes the aeroplane is destined to have a greater mission 'a sea than land warfare. He declared enthusiastically that no navy would dare approach a port defended by a flotilla of aeroplanes capable of dropping explosives from the air.

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C. R. Kluger, the jeweler, 1060 Virginia avenue, Indianapolis, Ind., writes: "I was so weak from kidney trouble that I could hardly walk a hundred feet. Four bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy cleared my complexion, cured my backache and the irregularities disappeared, and I can now attend to business every day, and recommend Foley's Kidney Remedy to all sufferers, as it cured me after the doctors and other remedies had failed. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

Saved His Boy's Life

"My three year old boy was badly constipated, had a high fever and was in an awful condition. I gave him two dozens of Foley's Orino Laxative and the next morning the fever was gone and he was entirely well. Foley's Orino Laxative saved his life." A. Wolkush, Casimer, Wis. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

Woman Interrupts Political Speaker

A well dressed woman interrupted a political speaker recently by continually coughing. If she had taken Foley's Honey and Tar it would have cured her cough quickly and expelled the cold from her system. The genuine Foley's Honey and Tar contains no opiates and is in a yellow package. Refuse substitutes. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

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Oysters.

Bay Center Oyster House, 420 Bond street. Oysters wholesale and retail. George Saunders, Prop. 9-27-17

A Healthy Family

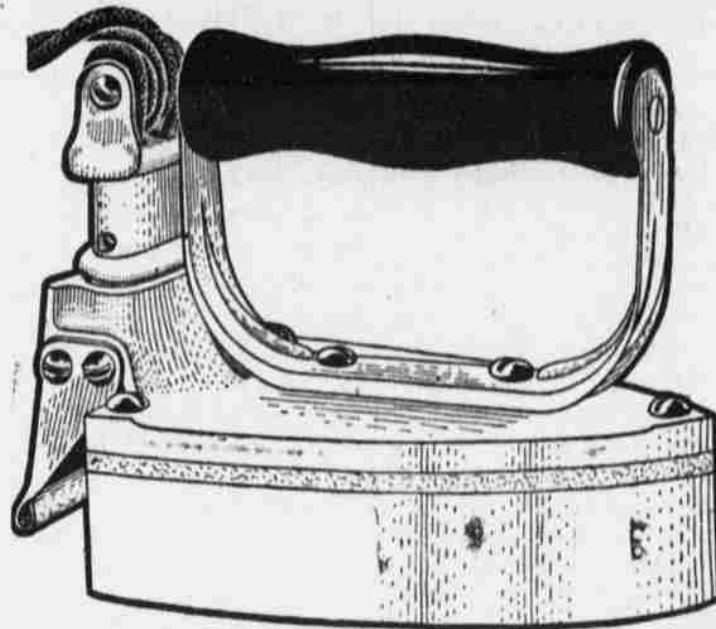
"Our whole family has enjoyed good health since we began using Dr. King's New Life Pills, three years ago," says L. A. Bartlett, of Rural Route 1, Guilford, Maine. They cleanse and tone the system in a gentle way that does you good. 25c at Charles Rogers & Son's drug store.

Where Bullets Flew

David Parker of Fayette, N. Y., a veteran of the civil war, who lost a foot at Gettysburg, says: "The good Electric Bitters have done is worth more than five hundred dollars to me. I spent much money doctoring for a

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